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DRAFTED BY AF/W:GADIES:MN WHITE HOUSE TEXT

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S/S - MR. SHANKLE

WHITE HOUSE - AMB. SMITH

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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, NG, US

SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE AT  
APPROPRIATE TIME PRIOR TO DECEMBER 18. QUOTE. DEAR  
MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I EXTEND  
MY BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER. WE  
ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT YOUR COUNTRY'S ASPIRATIONS FOR  
DEVELOPMENT AND WE HOPE THAT THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP  
BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS WILL GROW EVEN STRONGER IN THE  
COMING YEAR. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO RELEASE BY GON. ROBINSON

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